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MINUTES

Village of Westmont
Regular Meeting
Economic Development Committee
February 4, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Westmont Village Hall Executive Session Room
31 West Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Addington called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Roll Call

Jim Addington, Chairman- present
Ron Gunter, Mayor - present
Susann Senicka, Vice Chair- present
Bruce Barker, Trustee - absent
Harold Barry, Trustee - present
Bob Scott, Trustee- absent
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - absent
Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - present
Corinne Beller, Citizen Representative - present
Jamie Reilly, School Representative - absent
Kevin Carey, School Representative - absent
Frank Brady, Business/Resident Representative - absent
Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - present
Craig Grember, Citizen Representative - absent
Bill Kalafut, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - absent
Steve May, Village Manager - present
Gregg Pill, Business/Resident Representative - absent
Bob Fleck, Landscape Architect - present
Thomas Mulhearn, Police Chief - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - present
Jill Ziegler, Village Planner - present
Larry McIntyre - absent
Steve Riley - present
Joe Hennerfeind, Code Enforcement - present
Rose Gross, Administrative Assistant - present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

The Minutes from the January 7, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was approved.

5. Old Business

ATM - 18 W. Quincy Street

The ATM Special Use permit is moving forward and will be reviewed by Planning & Zoning Commission next week.

6. New Business

- A. **Nail Salon** - Florence Dalton spoke about opening a nail salon at 128 S. Cass Ave. Ms. Dalton will be relocating her business here to Westmont. She has had a nail salon in Oak Park for 20 years. There will be 3 employees. She will offer manicures and pedicures. Ms. Dalton is looking to open in April, hopefully April 1st. There is a possibility of having small items for purchase, like lotions. Ms. Dalton's current location is smaller than this site. 95% of her clientele will most likely follow her. Hours to be 9 or 10 am - 8 or 9 pm, Monday - Saturday. There will be 3 stations for manicures, 2 stations pedicures.

Comments - This will require a special use. No discussion, perfect fit for location.

Motion passed - all in favor

- B. **Corner redevelopment 301 E. Ogden Ave.** - Stephen Leonard gave a presentation on the possibility of this lot being a small strip mall and a fast food restaurant. There are water retention issues at the location. The business previously at this location was Alpha Motors. Mr. Leonard has been in the retail development business for 30 years. Several people he has spoken to are interested, but leery due to the site's history of flooding. Soil borings are going to be done today. The current building will be demolished. Mr. Leonard has also spoken to Al's Autobody and the other body shop located behind this address looking to square off the site. One possibility for the retail strip mall is a cell phone store, the other possibility is a Starbucks.

Comments - The information presented today was very preliminary, the concept is well liked. Discussion of other properties that could possibly utilize his expertise. Discussion regarding Al's Auto Body shop and the auto body shop next door. Al appears to be ready to sell and retire if the price is right.

Motion - passed, all in favor

7. Other Information

A. Recap of Residential Broker Presentation 1/20/15

The presentation went very well. Very positive feedback. Discussion about Westmont schools and the need to market them.

B. Westmont Economic Development Partnership Marketing Opportunities

Discussion on focus groups, brief overview schools. Discussion on social networking, building relationship with relators. It was mentioned to have a broker who lives in Westmont be present in the future.

C. Next tour - Save the Date - February 11, 2015 Chicago Prostate Center

A. Updates -

Update from Larry Forssberg:

1. Fabians Ribbon cutting & grand opening ceremony is scheduled 2/10/15

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.